wlers under the scheme of 100 per cent Export Oriented Units have been issued so far.

(b) Deep sea fishing industry is governed by the guidelines issued by the Reserved Bank of India (RBI) for lending to the priority sector, Banks have to deploy at least 16 per cent of their outstanding advances towards direct agriculture which includes fishing also.

The acquisition of trawlers was earlier financed by the Shipping Development Fund Committee (SDFC). Presently the function is catered to by the Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Ltd. (SCICI).

Survey on Export Prospects of Tobacco

1804. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was conducted by the Tobacco Board, Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, which shows a promising export market and if so, what follow-up action has been taken or is proposed to be taken in the matter; and

(b) what is the additional export potential of tobacco as per the above study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No market survey was conducted on unmanufactured tobacco in recent years by the tobacco Board. However, in 1979 a survey was carried out in selected markets. Pursuant to that production of FCB Tobacco, in light soil areas has been revised and production in black soil areas regulated; plant position grading has been introduced in the light soil areas of Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka; auctions have been introduced; export duty for unmanufactured tobacco has been abolished; and containerisation service introduced.

(b) The survey did not make any specific recommendation on additional export potential.

Attack on Indians in Suva in Fiji

1805. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ethnic Fijians ran through the streets of Suva in an hour long rampage recently and attacked Indians and Indian-owned shops;

(b) of so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to protect Indians in Fiji and their property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) A gang of Fijian youths attacked some persons of Indian origin in Tailevu near Suva on the night of 29th June, 1987 and burnt a shop, a house and a car and damaged other buildings. The home of a person of Indian origin was also shot at in Sigatoka in the middle of the night.

(c) Government of India cannot directly intervene on behalf of the community of Indian origin whose safety and welfare is the responsibility of the authorities in Fiji. The Government of India has, however, taken diplomatic initiatives in order to mobilise international opinion in favour, *inter alia*, of enshring that no ethnic group in Fiji's multiracial society is discriminated against.

Permission to STC/MMTC for Export of Wheat

1806. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has given clearance to STC/MMTC for the export of wheat linked with the import of edible oils and

(b) what is the quantity of wheat already exported alongwith its price and the country to which it was exported;

(c) whether a proposal or sale of wheat to Democratic people's Republic of Korea has been received and whether a private company has been authorised to negotiate in this behalf;

(d) if so, what is the net selling price and whether a commission would be payable to the private company on realisation of export proceeds from the buyers; and

(e) what is the commission in US dollars PMT payable to the company and what are the reasons for paying commision if it is authorised only to negotiate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) STC and MMTC have been permitted to export wheat at international price within a limited ceiling during 1987-88. The foreign exchange realised would facilitate import of edible oil.

(b) 5716 tonnes of wheat has been exported so far to Nepal and 15650 tonnes to DPR Korea during 1987-88 at contracted prices.

(c) A contract has been signed with M/s. Korea Cereals Export and Import Corporation for export of 1,00,000 tonnes of wheat for shipment during 1987-88.

(d) and (e) The price has been negotiated taking into account the prevaliing international prices and other factors including cost of servicing the order. The commission is for securing the business at an attractive price and for co-ordinating the smooth implementation of contract.

Suspension of two General Managers of NTC in Ahmedabad

1807. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two been suspended in Ahmedabad following investigations by CBI;

(b) what were the charges against them and whether a fraud in the purchase and transportation of coal has been unearthed.

(c) whether another fraud in the payment of medical bills has also been detected in the textile mills run by Gujarat NTC;

(d) whether investigations are also going on regarding deposit of Rs. 75 lakhs in a private chemical company and whether the money has since been recovered; and

(e) whether in view of large scale frauds and mismanagement of the mills, Government propose to set up a high power Committee to revamp the entire NTC organisation in Gujarat?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MNISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a regular case for reported misuse of the official position in fraudulently increasing the frieght/contract rate of lignite transportation in respect of Mahalaxmi Textile Mills, Bhavnagar.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Central Bureau of Investigation has filed a charge-sheet in the connection in the Court of Special Judge, Ahmedabad on 20-9-1985. No amount involved in this base has been recovered so far.

(e) The Chairman-cum-Mg. Director of the Holding Company has been asked to ensure appropriate action against the guilty officers in these cases.

Closed Textile Mills in Gujarat

1808. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the [illegible] are unable to give